

REMARKS

In the Official Action mailed on December 3, 2004, the Examiner has determined that claims 8 – 18 are allowed, claims 2 – 7 are objected to, and claim 1 is rejected.

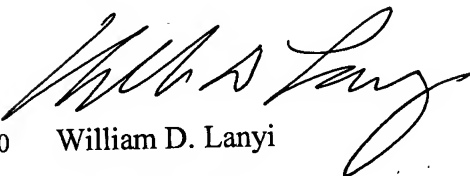
5 In order to expedite the prosecution of the subject patent application, applicant has amended claim 1 to contain the limitation previously contained in claim 3 and one of the limitations previously contained in claim 2. Accordingly, claim 3 has been canceled along with the above described limitation from claim 2.

Since claim 3 has been canceled, claim 4 has been amended to be dependent on claim 2.

10 Applicant intends to provide formal drawings after receipt of the Notice of Allowance to replace the originally filed drawings which, although determined by the Examiner to be suitable for prosecution, are informal.

In view of the changes made to the claims of the subject patent application and in further view of the above discussion, applicants respectfully request Examiner's reconsideration of the
15 subject patent application and expeditious allowance of claims 1, 2, and 4 – 18.

Respectfully Submitted,

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